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Auctioneers License Revocations

~ Board sanctions, fines individual and firm for violations ~

RICHMOND – The Virginia Auctioneers Board revoked the licenses of Harry Layton Laws, Jr., and Laws Auctioneers, Inc., at its most recent meeting July 8. In ordering the revocations and \$40,000 in fines, the Board cited “the facts of the case[s], prior violations of the Board’s regulations and the severity of the prior disciplinary action and the need to protect the public.”

Following is a summary of the Board’s actions. Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under “License Lookup.”

Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

HARRY L. LAWS, JR.

MANASSAS, VA

File Number 2004-01620

COMPLAINANT – Ann Coulter

VIOLATIONS – Laws failed to include all required provisions in the written contract and failed to produce documentation concerning the performance of auctioneering duties.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2905000578 and a \$2,500 fine.

LAWS AUCTIONEERS INC.

MANASSAS, VA

File Number 2004-01641

COMPLAINANT – Ann Coulter

VIOLATIONS – Laws Auctioneers Inc. failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to produce documentation concerning the performance of auctioneering duties; and failed to make records available for inspection.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2908000515 and a \$7,500 fine.

File Number 2004-02398

COMPLAINANT – Lynn Bauer

VIOLATIONS – Laws Auctioneers Inc. failed to provide evidence to account for all items sold at auction; failed to disburse proceeds due from the sale of goods; failed to produce documentation concerning the performance of auctioneering duties; and failed to make records available for inspection.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2908000515 and a \$10,000 fine.

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File Number 2004-02399

COMPLAINANT – John A. O’Keefe

VIOLATIONS – Laws Auctioneers Inc. failed to provide evidence to account for all items sold at auction; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to produce documentation concerning the performance of auctioneering duties; and failed to make records available for inspection.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2908000515 and a \$10,000 fine.

File Number 2004-02592

COMPLAINANT – Carolyn S. Relly

VIOLATIONS – Laws Auctioneers Inc. failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to produce documentation concerning the performance of auctioneering duties; and failed to make records available for inspection.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2908000515 and a \$5,000 fine.

File Number 2004-03081

COMPLAINANT – Karen L. Davis

VIOLATIONS – Laws Auctioneers Inc. failed to provide a legible executed copy of the written contract and failed to produce documentation concerning the performance of auctioneering duties.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2908000515 and a \$5,000 fine.

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About DPOR and the Auctioneers Board:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 265,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Auctioneers Board licenses nearly 1,700 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of three licensed auctioneers and two citizen members.

For more information, visit DPOR online at www.dpor.virginia.gov.